



Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for Beale Air Force Base's Site 3 and Site 38 Available for Public Review and Comment



August 2006

The Department of Toxic Substances Control is making a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration available for public review and comment. Under a California state law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (commonly referred to as CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration is being proposed as it pertains to removal of soil contamination at Beale Air Force Base's Sites 3 (Fire Prevention Training Area) and 38 (former Skeet Shooting Range). The Mitigated Negative Declaration states that cleanup of Sites 3 and 38 will not pose a threat to the environment as long as mitigation measures are followed. An example of a mitigation measure includes protecting vernal pool crustacean habitats located adjacent to construction areas by placing barriers around wetland perimeters.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is a State supporting document for two plans called Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (otherwise known as EE/CA's) and Action Memorandums. EE/CA's evaluate various short term cleanup alternatives. Action Memorandums document the preferred remedy. The EE/CA's and Action Memorandums were prepared by Beale Air Force Base in July, 2005 for Site 3, and in August, 2005 for Site 38. The Air Force held a public comment period for Site 3's EE/CA and Action Memorandum from July 11 through August 10, 2005. Public review and comment for Site 38's EE/CA and Action Memorandum ran from August 22 through September 21, 2005. The work being done under the EE/CA's and Action Memorandums is removal of 1500 cubic yards of soil contaminated with dioxins and furans from Site 3, and 4,000 cubic yards of lead and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from Site 38. Prolonged exposure to high levels of these contaminants can negatively impact human health and the environment.

The contaminated soil at the Sites will be excavated and moved to an off-site landfill for disposal. Clean soil will be placed in the excavated areas once confirmation sampling shows that all of the contaminated soil has been removed. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review and comment:

August 7, 2006 through September 7, 2006

Comments must be postmarked no later than September 7, 2006.

They can be mailed directly to:

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You may also submit comments by email to

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The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, Action Memorandum, and other related documents can be found at:

Yuba County Library
303 Second Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Call 530-749-7380 for hours of operation.

The full administrative record can be reviewed at:
The Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826.
Contact Bobbi Jensen at 916-255-3758 for an appointment.

If you have questions about the project, please call Mr. Terry Escarda at (916) 255-3714 or Ms. Heidi Nelson, Public Participation Specialist at (916) 255-3575.
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